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SUBJ: IV PROGRAM FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS

REF: PORT MORESBY 079

1. SOLOMON ISLANDS CANDIDATE AND ALTERNATE FOR IV GRANT NUMBER
THREE ON LIST SUBMITTED IN REFTEL, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. MR. FRED OSIFELO

A. RECENT - SPEAKER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. CHAIRMAN OF
APPOINTMENTS BOARD. CHAIRMAN OF CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE.
PAST - DISTRICT COMMISSIONER IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

B. PERSONAL DATA - BORN 1928 IN MALAITA, SOLOMON ISLANDS.
CITIZEN OF BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS. EDUCATED IN VILLAGE
SCHOOLS, TOOK COURSE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN UK. SPEAKS
ENGLISH.

C. TRAVEL ABROAD - UK, JAPAN AND PNG.

D. PREVIOUS USG GRANT - NONE KNOWN.

E. ESCORT SERVICE NEEDED.

F. NO VISA PROBLEM ANTICIPATED.

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G. REASON FOR NOMINATION - PROVIDE CANDIDATE WITH BROADENING

EXPERIENCE BY OBSERVING LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS GENERALLY IN U.S.

H. CANDIDATE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED AND TRUSTED. HE WOULD BE ONE
OF FEW SOLOMON ISLANDERS WITH FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF U.S.
HE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN PUBLIC LIFE AND MIGHT BECOME
FIRST GOVERNOR GENERAL.

I. AVAILABILITY DATES - NOT KNOWN.

3. ALTERNATE - MR. BRADLEY DEVESI

A. PRESENT - ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF WORKS
AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. PAST - TEACHER, OTHER GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

B. PERSONAL DATA - BORN IN 1941 IN GUADALCANAL, SOLOMON
ISLANDS. CITIZEN OF BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS. EDUCATED IN
SOLOMON ISLANDS, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, INCLUDING 2 YEARS AT
TEACHER'S COLLEGE. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

C. TRAVEL ABROAD - NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA.

D. PREVIOUS USG GRANT - NONE KNOWN.

E. ESCORT SERVICE NEEDED.

F. NO VISA PROBLEM.

G. REASON FOR NOMINATION. HE IS AN UP AND COMING PUBLIC
SERVANT WITH A PROMISING CAREER IN THE GOVERNMENT AHEAD OF HIM.

H. HE WILL HAVE INCREASING INFLUENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND A
KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE BROADENING FOR HIM AND
OF VALUE TO THE USG.

I. AVAILABILITY DATES - NOT KNOWN.
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